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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAMASCUS 3804, SENT SECSTATE, INFO AMMAN, BEIRUT, CAIRO, TEL AVIV, SEPT 30:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3804(

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SY, PLO, IS
SUBJ: USE OF GOLAN BY FEDAYEEN

REF: A. DAMASCUS 3478; B. DAMASCUS 3487; C. DAMASCUS 3667

ASKED COS SHIHABI SEPTEMBER 29 TO COMMENT ON STATEMENT BY PLO SOURCE IN BEIRUT FOLLOWING SINAI ACCORD THAT SYRIA HAD MADE GOLAN AVAILABLE TO FEDAYEEN FOR CROSS BORDER ACTIVITIES INTO ISRAEL. SHIHABI DESCRIBED THIS AS CONSTITUTING ONLY "WHAT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN REACTION TO SINAI ACCORD." I SAID I HAD BEEN STRUCK BY PRESIDENT ASAD'S RESPONSE TO NEWSEEEK CORRESPONDENT DE BORCHGRAVE ON SAME SUBJECT. (ASSAD SAID: "IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO CONDUCT THEIR BATTLES FROM ANY PART OF THE ARAB HOMELAND, AND THAT INCLUDES SYRIA. WE HAVE NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY.") OBSERVED
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THAT I WAS AWARE THERE HAS BEEN NO CROSS BORDER INCIDENTS

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FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS. SHIHABI SMILED AND SAID HE COULD
NOT IMPROVE ON THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER. MURPHY UNQUOTE.
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